

E-Reporting Using FACTS™—Blue Crab Texting

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E-REPORTING OPTIONS

Texting (Blue Crab Only): Text your daily trip and harvest information to **443-453-5260**.

This quick start guide shows the basics on how to set preferences, submit a daily trip, and report harvest using FACTS™ via texting for the MD blue crab commercial fishery. Refer to the complete user guide for more details.

BEST REPORTING PRACTICES

- Submit a trip start hail **before** you start fishing.
- Submit a trip end hail **before** you return to the dock.
- Trip start hails should be revised if your crew count or anticipated landing time or location changes. Revisions should be sent **right away if there is a change in crew count** and **at least 30 minutes prior to a new landing time and/or location**.

TEXTING PREFERENCES—ASSIGN TEXT CODE NUMBERS

Use either the Portal Website (fisheryfacts.com/portal) or the Mobile Site (fisheryfacts.com/mobileMD), and go to the **My Account** menu to assign text code numbers to your **landing locations** and **vessels**. This must be done in order to report your blue crab trip via text.

My Account on Portal Website
(Upper Right Corner of Home Page)



Preferences

Pre-fill Options

Landing Locations

Add addresses where you frequently land to be selected in a drop down

Vessels

Add vessels you frequently use to be selected in a drop down

On Your Mobile Device

A screenshot of the 'ADD NEW LANDING LOCATION' form. It has a title bar with a close button. The form contains a 'Label:' field, a 'Text Code Num.' field, and a 'Name:' field. The 'Text Code Num.' field is circled in red. Below the 'Text Code Num.' field, there is a note: '(Blue Crab) If you plan to report a blue crab trip via text, enter a Text Code Num. (i.e. 1, 2, 5)'. There are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom.A screenshot of the 'ADD NEW VESSEL' form. It has a title bar with a close button. The form contains a 'VRN:' field, a 'Text Code Num.' field, and a 'Name:' field. The 'Text Code Num.' field is circled in red. Below the 'Text Code Num.' field, there is a note: '(Blue Crab) If you plan to report a blue crab trip via text, enter a Text Code Num. (i.e. 1, 2, 5)'. There are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom.

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TEXTING—REPORTING CODES

Trip Start Hail:

Blue Crab Example:

UN333333 PWcrabber SH V1 CC1 GTCP LT1300 LL1

Trip End Hail:

Blue Crab—With Harvest Example: (For No Harvest—Remove Bold Code, Replace HHY with HHN)

UN333333 PWcrabber EH V1 CC1 LT2245 LL1 AR112 HHY GQ200 X400 H5.5 **HUB N1 T2 M3 FM4 S5 P6 DC2 PP10 PR10 PK10 DD1,30*2,40**

Texting Codes (lower case letters can also be used)

Action and Data Codes

UN – User Name

SH – Start Hail

RSH – Revise Start Hail

CEH – Cancel End Hail

AR – NOAA Area Code

V – Vessel Text Code Number
(Assigned in Preferences)

LT – Landing Time

PW – Password

EH – End Hail

REH – Revise End Hail

CT – Cancel Trip

CC – Crew Count

LL – Landing Location Text Code Number
(Assigned in Preferences)

Gear Codes

X – Max Crab Pots in Water

GTCP – Gear Type Crab Pot

GTSD – Gear Type Scrape/Dredge

GTDN – Gear Type Dip Net

GTNR – Gear Type Net Ring

GTPN – Gear Type Pound Net

GQY – Gear Quantity Yards
(Trotline Only)

H – Hours Crabbed

GTTL – Gear Type Trotline

GTCT – Gear Type Collapsible Trap

GTCB – Gear Type Crab Bank/Bank Trap

GTPP – Gear Type Peeler Pot

GQ – Gear Quantity Fished

GQF – Gear Quantity Feet
(Trotline Only)

Harvest Codes

HHY – Have Harvest Yes

HUB – Hard Crab Unit Bushels

N – Quantity of #1 Males (0 or more)

M – Quantity of Mixed Males (0 or more)

S – Soft Crab Count (Each)

PK – % Kept/Not Sold (0 or more)

PP – % Sold to Public (0 or more)

DD – Dealer List (Dealer Code,% sold to
dealer)

HHN – Have Harvest No

HUP – Hard Crab Unit Pounds

T – Quantity of #2 Males (0 or more)

FM – Quantity of Females (0 or more)

P – Peeler Count (Each)

PR – % Sold to Restaurants (0 or more)

DC – Dealer Count (0 or more)